

The Chosen – Season 2 – Episode 1

“The Worthy and the Unworthy”

Episode Passages – Matthew 18:12-14; John 1:1-18; Luke 10:25-37

Study 1

Conversation Starter

What is your favorite moment from this episode?

Episode Questions

1. Talk about your first encounter with Jesus.
2. Jesus taught about the one lost sheep being found and how our heavenly Father reacts. Knowing our God actually rejoices when we have a change of heart about our sin, does that encourage you to approach Him for help to change? Why or why not?
3. In the episode Jesus said, “I ask a lot of those who follow Me, but I ask little of those who don’t.” What do you think some of the things Jesus asks of those who follow Him?
4. In the episode, Jesus corrects James’ and John’s condemning attitude. Who are some “Samaritan types”, as Christians, we need to forgive realizing we are no more “worthy” than they are?
5. John’s writing depicts Christ’s “bigness.” How do we let Jesus be “bigger” in our lives on a day to day basis?

Personal Next Steps

- **Renew and Refresh** – This week read Matthew 18:12-14; John 1:1-18; Luke 10:25-37
- **Self-Check**
 - What area of your life comes to mind when you think about repenting from something? Remembering your heavenly Father rejoices when you repent from sin in your life, do you believe He is approachable and wanting to help you with your struggle? What will you invite Him to help you change?
 - How have you felt the “cost” of following Jesus? If you aren’t feeling the cost, is it because you are not following Jesus very closely? What are you willing to do to follow more closely?
- **Continuing the Conversation** – What about this episode would you share with someone you know who is far from God?
- **Pray** – Thank your heavenly Father seeking you as a lost sheep. Ask Him to show you ways you where you could repent and see others with value as He does.



The Chosen – Season 2 – Episode 2

“When All Seems Lost”

Episode Passage – John 1:19-51

Study 2

Conversation Starter

Who invited you to “come see Jesus?” Any stories?

Episode Questions

1. Nathanael's plans for his life ended abruptly. Share a time when you experienced disillusionment or missed expectations in life. Did your faith falter or help you through this season?
 2. Do you believe people outside the faith that know you still define you by your past or do they see you've changed? Explain.
 3. Who's friendship with you has helped you the most to follow Jesus? Can you share any stories of how?
 4. How do you see the difference between following Jesus and Christianity as a “religion?”
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Personal Next Steps

- **Renew and Refresh** – This week read John 1:19-51
- **Self-Check**
 - Seeing how Jesus responded to the tensions among the disciples, is there someone in your life that differences are causing you to treat poorly? What would Christ instruct you to do with regard to this person?
 - Nathanael was in a dark place in this episode. Are you in a “good place” right now as far as how you feel your life is unfolding? How are you handling disappointments currently? Are you drawing toward God or pulling back right now? What could you do to help your situation?
- **Continuing the Conversation** – Phillip was passionate when he invited Nathanael to come see Jesus. Who would you passionately invite to “come see Jesus?” What would you invite them to? (Would they watch any of the Chosen episodes?)
- **Pray** – Thank your heavenly Father for never turning away from you – even in your dark times. Ask Him to stir passion in you for His ways and to talk about Him with others.



The Chosen – Season 2 – Episode 3

“Chosen?”

Episode Passage – Matthew 4:18-25; Zechariah 4:1-14

Study 3

Conversation Starter

If someone were to have told you when you were younger you would be a student of the Messiah and help Him on His mission, what would you have said to them?

Episode Questions

1. In the episode Mary said Jesus wasn't waiting for His followers to become holy. He came because they couldn't be holy without Him. What does that mean to you?
 2. Why do we sometimes not ask for God's help when we know in our hearts He could actually help us?
 3. What stood out to you the most about the way the fireside conversation was depicted in the episode? Did you identify with anyone?
 4. In the episode, Simon weaponized his faithfulness as a Jew and used it against a fellow Jesus follower, Matthew. As a modern day Christian have you ever “weaponized” your belief to make you feel better about yourself? How can you check yourself when tempted to do this?
 5. At the close of the episode, as the disciples fought among themselves, Jesus was thanking His Father for giving Him peace. How could Christians today have more peace instead of repeatedly being drawn into the wrong battles?
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Personal Next Steps

- **Renew and Refresh** – This week read Matthew 4:18-25; Zechariah 4:1-14.
- **Self-Check**
 - Is there something preventing you from inviting Christ to heal something in your life? What's the first thing that came to your mind?
 - Are you emotionally or spiritually tired from fighting the wrong battles? What fights could you pull back from to have more strength for Christ's calling?
- **Continuing the Conversation** – The original disciples following Jesus were obviously not perfect. Who could you talk to about following Jesus who might be encouraged knowing you don't have to be perfect to follow Him?
- **Pray** – Thank your heavenly Father for inviting you into relationship with Him without you being perfect.



The Chosen – Season 2 – Episode 4

“Stirring the Waters”

Episode Passages – John 5:1-16

Study 4

Conversation Starter

Do you think miracles still happen? Why or why not?

Episode Questions

1. In the episode when Jesus mentioned “everyone has had wilderness experiences,” what do you think He meant?
2. In history, the Jewish Zealots justified using force and violence to preserve their religion. What is Jesus’ way of bringing people to faith in God?
3. The paralyzed man and his brother both responded to pain and suffering in different ways – yet ways that would not end their pain. What is your default to ease your pain but really doesn’t help?
4. In the episode, when Jesus was asked why He didn’t wait until sundown to perform the miracle, He replied, “Sometimes you have to stir up the water.” What do you think He meant?

Personal Next Steps

- **Renew and Refresh** – This week read John 5:1-16.
- **Self-Check**
 - How do you answer Jesus’ question, “Do you want to be healed?”
 - What false belief are you letting keep you paralyzed?
- **Continuing the Conversation** – Who do you know that is far from God that might be moved closer to belief if they were to watch this episode?
- **Pray** – Thank God for Jesus’ healing power that is always available to you. Ask God to help you overcome your reliance on counterfeit solutions that are holding you back.



The Chosen – Season 2 – Episode 5

“Not What You Expected?”

Episode Passages – John 3:22-36; Mark 1:21-27

Study 5

Conversation Starter

What's the most fearful moment you've ever experienced?

Episode Questions

1. How should fellow Christians who may not like each other interact with each other?
 2. In the episode, Jesus reacted to John the Baptist's plan to confront King Herod. Do you believe it is a Christian's responsibility to "call out" all of the sin we see in other people's lives? Why or why not? Are you using Jesus' teachings to shape your view?
 3. In the episode, Jesus attempts to coach John's approach to reaching unbelievers. What direction is Jesus trying to guide John toward?
 4. Have you ever been "disillusioned" as you've tried to follow Jesus' ways? How did you come through this time in your life? Has your faith in Christ gotten stronger since then? Please share.
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Personal Next Steps

- **Renew and Refresh** – This week read John 3:22-36; Mark 1:21-27.
- **Self-Check**
 - What would Jesus coach you about your way of interacting with people outside the faith?
 - Who do you have in your life that helps you in times when your faith waivers? When was the last time you had a meaningful and transparent conversation with them?
- **Continuing the Conversation** – Who do you know outside the faith who may be more open to hearing about Jesus if you were to try Jesus' approach of graciousness and non-judgment in your conversation with them?
- **Pray** – Thank God for Jesus choosing you to be in His Family not because of your abilities, but simply because He wanted you.



The Chosen – Season 2 – Episode 6

"It's Not About the Rules"

Episode Passages – 1 Samuel 21:1-6; Matthew 12:1-14

Study 6

Conversation Starter

If you had to go without food for a couple of days, what food would crave the most for your first meal?

Episode Questions

1. How do you keep following Jesus when He leads you in directions you weren't expecting or don't want to go?
 2. How do you keep from drawing wrong conclusions about what God is doing in your life and prevent getting frustrated with Him? How do you keep from imagining the worst?
 3. Have you ever felt like giving up on following Jesus because you keep failing Him? Have you ever been too embarrassed to "face" Jesus because of something you've done?
 4. When we are struggling with sin in our lives, what does Jesus want us to do, avoid Him or approach Him? Explain.
 5. Can anyone ever "pay" Jesus back for what He's done for us? Does Jesus expect some sort of "payment" from His followers? Share your thoughts.
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Personal Next Steps

- **Renew and Refresh** – This week read 1 Samuel 21:1-6; Matthew 12:1-14.
- **Self-Check**
 - Are you struggling with anything today (sin or anything else) that is hurting your closeness with Jesus?
 - What is a helpful step you could take this week that might bring your relationship with Jesus closer than it is right now?
- **Continuing the Conversation** – Who do you know that would be encouraged to know that closeness with Jesus is not about keeping rules? How could you share this with them?
- **Pray** – Thank God for Jesus pursuing you even when you aren't following Him.



The Chosen – Season 2 – Episode 7

"Shadows of Doubt and Confusion"

Episode Passages – Matthew 4:12-17; Matthew 6:5-15

Study 7

Conversation Starter

What's a fun game you get really competitive at?

Episode Questions

1. What teachings of Jesus are the hardest for you to trust in and/or follow?
 2. In the episode, Andrew's emotions (fear) cause him to attack the other disciples. How do you prevent your emotions from clouding your judgement and hurting others?
 3. When your faith is challenged by negative circumstances, do you get angry, fearful, or shutdown? How do you restore your trust in Christ?
 4. Who do you have in your life that can help keep you from taking matters into your own hands when things are not going your way?
 5. In the episode Jesus taught that prayer is the first step at getting the mind and the heart right. What is something you'd like to improve about your prayer life?
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Personal Next Steps

- **Renew and Refresh** – This week read Matthew 4:12-17; Matthew 6:5-15.
- **Self-Check**
 - Does your prayer life show your real dependence on God? What could you do to make it even better?
 - What thing(s) do you use as "tools" to help keep your prayer times meaningful and productive? (Books, lists, practices, times of day?)
- **Continuing the Conversation** – Who do you know that doesn't know what to make of Jesus? How could you help their understanding?
- **Pray** – Thank God for Jesus' patience with you even when you don't understand His leading in your life. Ask Him to help you when you're doubting His lead.



The Chosen – Season 2 – Episode 8

“Sermon Prep”

Episode Passage – Matthew 5:1-16

Study 8

Conversation Starter

What have been your favorite memories from The Chosen Season 2?

Episode Questions

1. When we've failed to follow Jesus, why don't we have to “pay penance” to make things right again? Even though our relationship with Christ is secure even when we sin, what IS at risk when we sin?
 2. What do you think it means “to be the salt of the earth”?
 3. What do you think it means “to be the light of the world”?
 4. From Jesus' description of types of followers in the Sermon on the Mount, which do you identify the most with - poor in spirit, the mournful, meek, hungry for righteousness, merciful, pure in heart, peacemaker, or persecuted?
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Personal Next Steps

- **Renew and Refresh** – This week read Matthew 5:1-16.
- **Self-Check**
 - What's your default way of trying to “make up with Jesus” when you've failed Him?
 - What can you change this week to resist being a “passive follower” of Jesus?
- **Continuing the Conversation** – How could you be the “salt of the earth” to someone in your life?
- **Pray** – Thank God for giving you purpose in this life and an example to follow that doesn't require your perfect performance.

